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Majority prices were trending lower in the East and Midwest; unchanged in the West. Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady in the East; barely steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate best where limited feature activity and fast food promotions were in progress. Supplies were at least adequate to ample in some instances. In the parts structure, wings were clearing. Dark meat items were adequate and breast items were at least adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/29/03-10/03/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	53.00-56.00	53.00-65.00	56.15	25
Los Angeles	74.00			
New York	58.00-60.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	66.50-69.00	51.00-72.00	68.31	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
895	64.15-71.50	69.00
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	210.00	1,371
BREASTS - B/S	191.00	5,032
BREASTS - WHOLE	97.00	1,748
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	923
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	8,436
WINGS	86.50	2,959

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary delivered prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area decreased 2 cents from Monday's final. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was barely steady, instances weak. Offerings were fully available on all sizes for the light and cautious buyer interest. Retail and food service demand remained sluggish overall with slight improvement noted for the weekend; fast food was best into the St. Louis area for promotions. Floor stocks were adequate to plentiful and fill in trade was noted as minimal for the weekend. Weights were mostly desirable. Parts trading was quiet other than for wings as current inventories remained sufficient for immediate trade needs. Wings were in best balance with all other items fully adequate to ample. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items, fully steady to occasionally firm on large wings and steady on all other items.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Retail demand entering the weekend was mostly fair with limited features; food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies were usually more than sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were available. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Other items were adequate to at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged from last Fridays' levels. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Limited early trading reported, focused on regular

commitments, and at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings in fair balance from local production areas and adequate to ample from out-of-state producers. Buyers reported sharp discounts often offered to help stimulate interest in additional product. Retailer demand was fairly good best where featured. Dealers anticipated moderate to heavier than desired carryovers.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona – whole body 69-139, whole body 139 buy one get one, whole cut-up all natural 99, cornish hen 179, Cornish hen 22 ounces 289, Cornish hen 18-22 ounces 2 for 500, boneless breast 197-459, breast fillets 379, leg quarters 79;

Colorado – whole body 119 buy one get one free, roasters 169 buy one get one free, boneless breast seasoned 499 buy one get one free, boneless breast 329-379, boneless breast 4# bag IQF 716, boneless breast tenders 4# bag IQF 1000, thigh 179 buy one get one free, drumstick 179 buy one get one free, leg quarters 79;

Northern California – whole body 79, whole cut-up 139, roasters 119-129, roasters all natural 149, Cornish hen 215, boneless breast all natural 579, boneless breast 499, boneless breast fillets 399, boneless thigh fillets 299, split breast 199, drumstick 89-99, thigh 89-99;

Southern California – whole body 57-99, whole cut-up 149, Cornish hen marinated 199, Cornish hen 97-129, roasters 99-169, boneless breast 199, boneless breast tenders 3# bag IQF 999, boneless breast 4# IQF 999, boneless thigh meat 197, boneless leg meat 99-128, boneless leg meat marinated 158-199, split breast 97-149, leg quarter marinated 99, leg quarter 10# bag 290-390, wings 87-169, whole leg marinated 77, whole leg 77, thigh 57-189, thigh 4# bag IQF 300, drumstick 57-189, drumstick 4# bag IQF 300, drumstick 5# bag 295, **(food service deli section fried** – mixed 12 pieces 599).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to no better than moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were available and bone-in breasts remained in the longest position. Wings were clearing. Dark meat cuts were sufficient.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow to occasionally fair. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Live supplies were moderate to heavy; weights were light to heavy mostly desirable. Processor schedules were very heavy when combined with operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breast were fully adequate, but in a closer, better balance. Other items were usually noted in a range of adequate to readily available for current inquiry.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA. **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	57-72
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.73
NO. OF BOXES	7,821
CUMULATIVE	09/22/03-09/26/03 63.92
	09/23/02-09/27/02 50.97
NO. OF BOXES	09/22/03-09/26/03 44,748
	09/23/02-09/27/02 40,379

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

September 25

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

September 26

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WTD	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	867	162.00-238.00	163-165	171.53		877	161.00-238.00	162-165	165.13		4,342	166.35
TENDERLOINS	175	170.00-217.00	170	177.30		190	170.00-217.00	170-175	177.78		1,938	172.70
BREAST - LINE RUN	98	92.00-102.00	95-96	95.51		114	88.00-102.00	88-92	91.91		456	94.47
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					275	83.80
LEGS	128	32.00-53.00	33-35	35.38		103	32.00-53.00	33-35	35.96		585	35.64
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	616	25.00-30.00	25-27	26.34		616	25.00-30.00	26-27	26.49		3,095	26.52
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	960	27.00-33.50	29-30	29.85		870	27.00-33.50	29-30	29.21		4,590	29.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	100	75.00-81.00	78-80	78.60		95	78.00-87.00	-	82.58		480	80.09
WINGS (CUT)	698	84.00-101.00	-	92.16		509	84.00-101.00	-	91.67		3,156	90.90
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					TFEWR	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					140	56.77
B/S THIGHS	121	80.00-95.00	-	87.44		96	82.00-95.00	-	89.10		511	89.03

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.50 - 57.50	54.62	53.00 - 57.50	55.02	55.15

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate with bone-in breasts remaining in the longest position. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were clearing well. Retail and distributive movement was only fair. The market tone was barely steady on bone-in breasts and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	180	174.97	542,920		180	172.53	516,920	175.13	2,050,040
TENDERLOINS	165	161.83	153,610		165	167.64	96,110	166.09	606,710
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	92.16	220,760		84-85	91.37	283,480	92.23	1,355,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	87.15	149,560		84	86.04	111,800	87.22	609,840
LEGS	38-39	38.99	191,480		38-39	37.11	305,640	38.35	1,298,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.05	403,943		28-29	28.82	254,650	28.57	1,766,075
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	38.23	124,160		34-35	37.28	141,260	38.08	611,750
THIGHS	28-29	39.55	57,120		28-29	40.00	60,710	38.58	333,460
B/S THIGHS	84-85	86.58	82,920		84-85	85.90	70,920	86.13	376,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	76-77	86.39	130,760		76-77	82.43	189,540	84.01	760,730
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.39	36,000		10-12	12.10	28,480	12.17	179,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	27.79	16,920		25-30	31.48	17,720	30.35	84,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	49.89	20,880		40-45	54.64	26,640	50.28	112,920

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	09/26	09/25	09/24	09/23	09/24	09/23	09/19	09/17		
ALA	4,239	4,074	4,027	4,101	5.28	5.26	4,056	5.23		
ARK	5,192	5,418	5,209	5,327	5.11	5.14	5,557	5.08		
DELMARVA	3,075	2,292	2,351	2,283	5.44	5.39	2,248	5.31		
KY-LA-TN	1,973	1,978	1,818	1,723	4.91	4.91	2,013	4.90		
MISS	3,439	3,090	2,939	2,798	5.22	5.39	2,626	5.23		
NC	3,364	2,378	2,411	2,492	6.28	6.33	2,288	6.27		
TEXAS	2,370	2,370	2,537	2,526	5.00	5.05	2,507	4.73		
TOTAL	23,652	21,600	21,292	21,250	5.30	5.33	21,295	5.23		
MON-FRI	109,117(A)						106,165(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Sep 03 and 27-Sep-03 is estimated to be 35,386,000 up 10.74 percent from a week ago and up 13.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,955,000; last year 31,174,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 27-Sep-03 is estimated to be 159,554,000 head up 2 percent from a week ago, and up 1 percent from a year ago

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	60-63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	101-103
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	89-105
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	105
HENS OVER 5#	91
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	89
DUCKS	152-175

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 13-Sep-03 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	24,993	29,801	51,995
Avg Weight	3.85	4.78	6.17
% of total /1	23%	28%	49%

COMPARISONS

Last week	15,480	18,694	42,103
Avg Weight	3.71	4.72	6.18
% of total /1	20%	25%	55%
Same week, yr ago /2	16,709	15,704	24,139
Avg Weight	3.76	4.77	6.37
% of total /1	30%	28%	43%

To date/2003	866,072	870,844	1,662,131
To date/2002	969,729	825,146	1,527,990

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 20-Sep-03 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
HEAD	156,044	1,153	1,418	2,571	402
AVG WT	5.30	3.35	7.88	5.85	6.55
LAST WEEK	158,505	1,121	1,597	2,718	447
SAME WK YR AGO	160,714	1,851	1,672	3,523	408
AVG WT	5.13	3.42	7.84	5.50	6.89
TO-DATE/2003	5,823,253	56,427	53,047	109,474	15,655
TO-DATE/2002	5,900,591	66,519	52,906	119,425	16,106

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.9 million head or 0.5 million head less than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: SEP 23, 2003
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.90 - 1.00	Silkie 1.75 - 2.25ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.90 - 1.00	Geese
Pekin Ducks	4.00 - 5.00ea.	9-14 LBS .70 - .80
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.45 - .60	Pigeons 1.70 - 1.90ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.45 - .75	White Pigeons 3.25 - 3.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits
4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.05	4-6 LBS .75 - .95
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits
7-11 LBS	.50 - .90	6-9 LBS .75 - .95
Guinea Fowl	1.40ea.	Bunnies 1.00 - 3.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 4.50ea.	Guinea Pigs 5.00 - 8.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.75 - 3.00ea.	Pullets
Leghorn Hens	.12	4-6 LBS .75 - 1.00
Leghorn Roosters	.75 - 1.00ea.	Total Coops Sold 458

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 22-SEP-2003

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	140	146
MIDWEST MOSTLY	124-128	125-130

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68.00-70.00	68.00-69.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.50	67.50-76.50

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment about steady. Demand was good. Schedules mostly full-time. Weights were desirable to at times light. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.45, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 22-SEP-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	107-124	125

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
AUGUST 16	163.7	161.7	101%	5.18
23	162.5	160.3	101%	5.19
30	164.1	157.2	104%	5.05
SEPTEMBER 6	138.7	156.1	89%	5.15
13	160.4	157.1	102%	5.18
20	157.9	158.4	100%	5.30
YEAR TO DATE	5894.0	5964.0	99%	
SEPTEMBER 27		159.4		
OCTOBER 4		158.9		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	09/27/03	09/20/03	% CHG	09/28/02	% CHG
Broilers	159,554	156,044*	+02	157,307*	+01
Cattle	681	733	-07	701*	-03
Hogs	1,999	1,981	+01	2,028*	-01
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both light and heavy cannery when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair. Trading was light. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
21-25 MAJORITY 23-24	29-36 MAJORITY 34-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
22-27 MAJORITY 25.5-26	31.5-38 MAJORITY 35-37

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was moderate. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Offerings of light fowl available for salvage were fully adequate. Interest for those supplies were scheduled on a measured basis, easily covering a fair call for dressed product. Opinions of disposal costs were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values in a full range and unchanged from last week. Offerings were about adequate as slaughter facilities worked full schedules. Demand was moderate to mostly fairly good. Opinions of value were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.00	5-10

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-SEP-03

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair for offering that were fully adequate for trade requirements. Supplies of cannery were clearing easily but usually reported as sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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